

Categorical Exclusion Documentation Format for Actions Other Than Hazardous Fuels and Fire Rehabilitation Actions

Project Name

NEPA Number DOI- BLM-AZ-C010-2011-0003-CX

A. Background

BLM Office: Kingman Field Office Lease/Serial/Case File No.:

Proposed Action Title/Type: Kingman Field Office Trailhead, Trail and Kiosk Construction and Maintenance.

Location of Proposed Action:

Moss Wash OHV Trailhead and Trail – T. 15 N., R. 19 W., Section 4 & 13;
Sleeping Princess OHV Trailhead – T. 21 N., R. 20 W., Section 3;
Route 66 Back Country Byway – T. 19 N., R. 19 W., Section 16 and
T. 17 N., R. 21 W., Section 36;
Hualapai and Black Mountains Bulletin Boards (Kiosks) – Various Locations

Description of Proposed Action:

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BLM staff or local volunteers would install the ramada kiosks and perform the maintenance of the bulletin board kiosks. BLM staff would perform installation of the trail markers and the maintenance of the Route 66 Back Country Byway kiosks.

Tortoise handling guidelines would be handed out to all work crews prior to project maintenance activities to increase crew awareness of proper tortoise handling etiquette and to prevent tortoise injury in case crew members encountered tortoise during the project work. (Exhibit 1)

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: *Kingman Resource Management Plan/EIS*

Date Approved/Amended: March 1995

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s):

- **Kingman RMP, Decision # RR17/V** – “Recreation sites, interpretive sites, trails and roads will be maintained and developed where needed to enhance recreation opportunities and allow public use.” (Page 26)

The proposed action is in conformance with the *Black Mountain Ecosystem Management Plan and Environmental Assessment, April 1996* because it is specifically provided for in the following management objective:

- **BMEMP & EA, Recreation Objective – Management Action #4** - “Establish trailhead facilities including minimally improved dirt parking and visitor registers at several locations outside wilderness area boundaries at locations shown in Table 10.” (Page 41)

C. Compliance with NEPA:

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.9,

G. Transportation 4. *“Placement of recreational, special designation, or information signs, visitor registers, kiosks and portable sanitation devices.”*

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2 apply. (See Attachment 1)

I considered the proposal to install two ramada kiosks, twenty (20) trail markers and kiosk maintenance at the listed locations. The requirements and guidelines that are identified in the document would eliminate any potential for significant impacts to the environment.

D. Signature

Authorizing Official: / s / J Neckels Date: 12/15/2010
(Signature)

Name: Jackie Neckels

Title: Assistant Field Manager, Nonrenewable Resources

Contact Person

For additional information concerning this CX review, contact:

Len Marceau

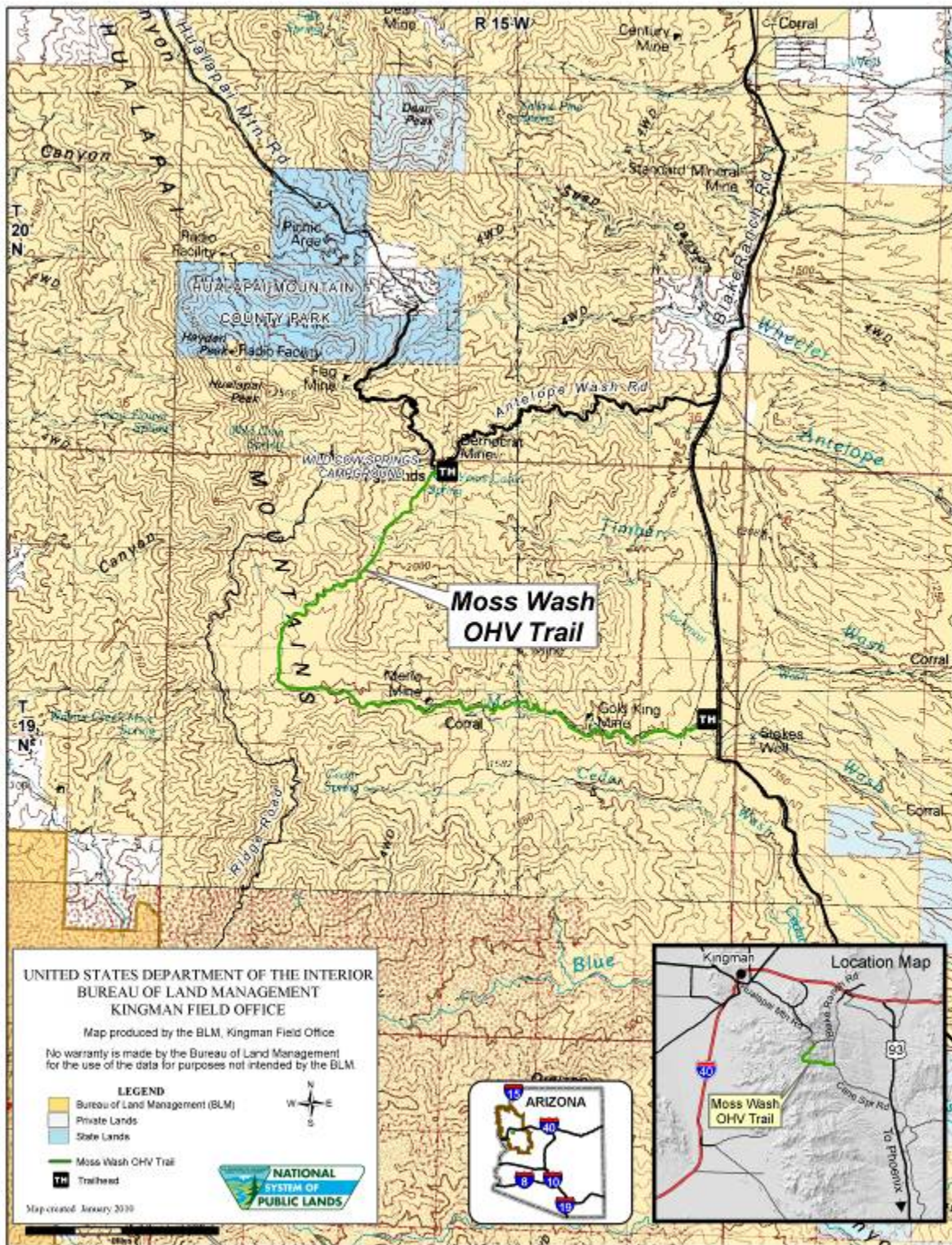
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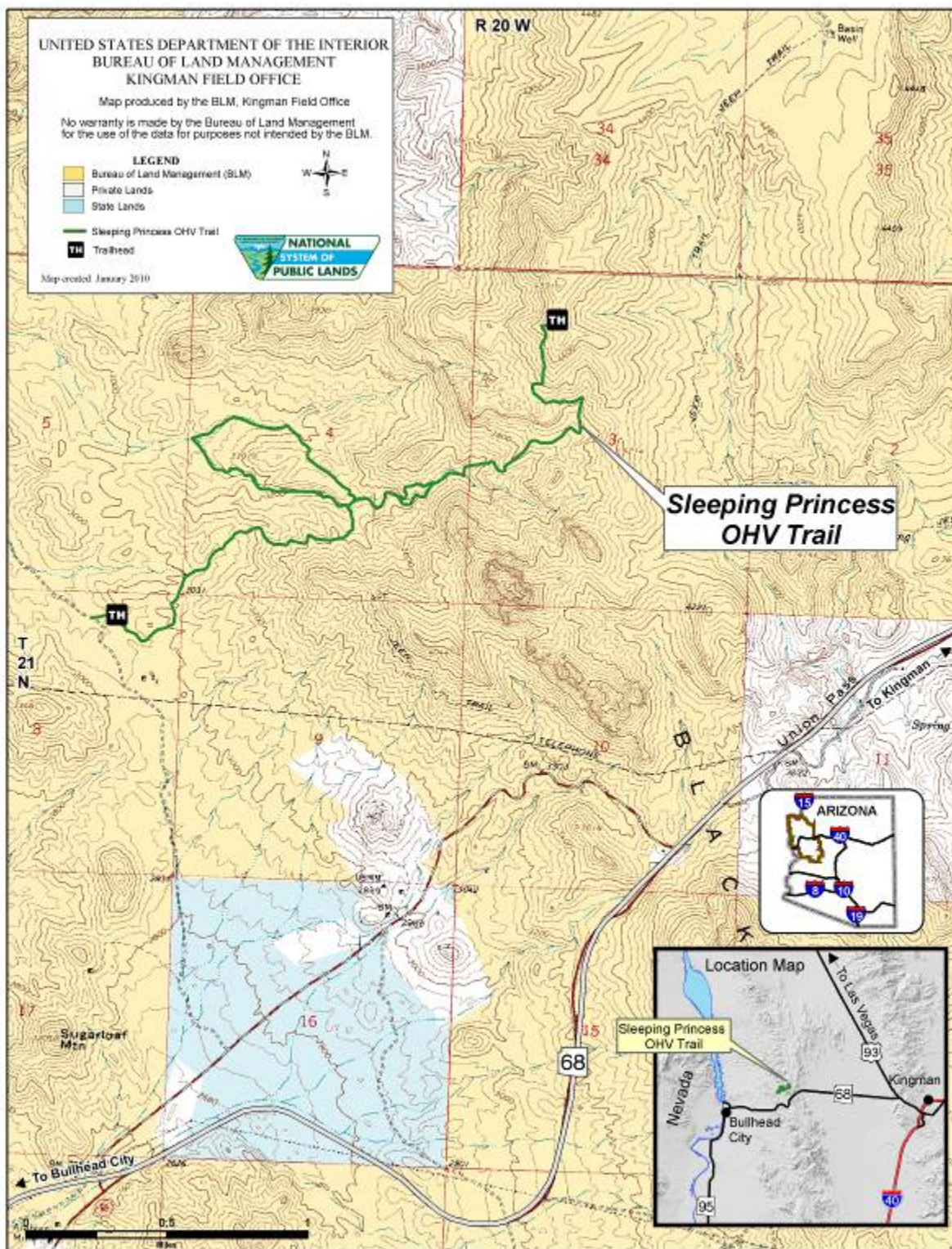




EXHIBIT 1



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
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GUIDELINES FOR HANDLING DESERT TORTOISE, ROSY BOA AND CHUCKWALLA ENCOUNTERED ON ROADS AND VEHICLE WAYS

1. Stop your vehicle and allow the tortoise, rosy boa or chuckwalla to move off the road or if possible, drive around the tortoise or other animal.
2. If the tortoise is not moving, gently** pick up the tortoise and move it approximately 200 feet off the road to a shaded location.
 - a. Do **not** turn the tortoise over.
 - b. Move the tortoise in the direction it was traveling. If it was crossing the road, move it in the direction it was crossing.
 - c. Keep the tortoise within 12-18 inches of the ground, move slowly so as not to cause it to become alarmed.
 - d. Release the tortoise under the shade of a bush or rock.

** Tortoise store water in their bladder. If a tortoise becomes alarmed its defense is to void its bladder onto the captor. This could lead to dehydration of the tortoise and potentially to death.

3. Prior to moving any parked vehicles or equipment at the project site, check for tortoise under the vehicles.



Attachment 1: Extraordinary Circumstances Review

Extraordinary Circumstances	Comment (Yes or No with supporting Rationale)
1. Have significant effects on public health or safety.	No. None expected.
2. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988) national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.	No. The action would not have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics. BLM staff and local volunteers would practice "Leave No Trace" ethics at the project sites.
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)].	No. The action does not involve highly controversial environmental effects or unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources.
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.	No. None expected.
5. Establishes a precedent for future action or represents a decision in principle about future actions with significant environmental effects.	No. The action does not establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions.
6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.	No. The action is similar to other actions at other trailheads, but significant cumulative impacts are not anticipated.
7. Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau or office.	No. There are no properties listed nor eligible for listing within the project area.
8. Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.	No. The action would not have significant impacts. The Sleeping Princess OHV Trailhead is located in the Black Mountains Ecosystem Management Area of Critical Environmental Concern. The Moss Wash OHV Trail is located in the Hualapai Mountain Research Natural Area/Area of Critical Environmental Concern.
9. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.	No. No laws or requirements would be violated.
10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).	No. The action would have no impact on low income or minority populations.
11. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007).	No. There are no known sacred sites in the project areas.
12. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112).	No. BLM staff and local volunteers would be utilizing local vehicles on the project.

Approval and Decision Attachment 2

Compliance and assignment of responsibility:

Kingman Field Office Recreation Program

Monitoring and assignment of responsibility:

Kingman Field Office Recreation Program

Review: We have determined that the proposal is in accordance with the categorical exclusion criteria and that it would not involve any significant environmental effects. Therefore, it is categorically excluded from further environmental review.

Prepared by: / s / Len Marceau

Len Marceau,
Outdoor Recreation Planner
Project Lead

Date: 12/15/2010

Reviewed by: / s / David Brock

David Brock,
Rangeland Management Specialist
NEPA Coordinator

Date: 12/15/2010

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Decision: Based on a review of the project described above and field office staff recommendations, I have determined that the project is in conformance with the land use plan and is categorically excluded from further environmental analysis. It is my decision to approve the action as proposed.

Approved by: / s / J Neckels

Jackie Neckels
Assistant Field Manager, Nonrenewable Resources
Kingman Field Office

Date: 12/15/2010

KINGMAN FIELD OFFICE SCOPING FORM

Proposal:

DOI-BLM-AZ-C010-2011-0003-CX

NEPA Document Number

RMP Implementation No.

S:/BLMshare:

Document Location

Land Description:

Applicant: BLM, KFO, Recreation Program

Authorization:

INVOLVEMENT: Indicate in the left column which disciplines need to provide information into the EA.

Needed

Input (X)

Input (X)	Discipline	Signature
	Lands	
	Minerals	
X	Range	<i>John Clark</i> 11-17-10 <i>DAVID</i> 11/15/200
X	Wild Horse and Burro	<i>James H. Randall</i> 11/16/10 <i>W. Randall</i> 11/16/10
X	General Recreation	<i>LEN</i> 11/22/10
X	Cultural and Paleontological Resources	<i>Jim</i> 11/12/10
	Wilderness	
	Soils	
	Surface and Groundwater Quality/Water Rights	
	Air Quality	
X	Wildlife	<i>Ammon</i> 11/15/10
X	Threatened and Endangered Plants and Animals	<i>Ammon</i> 11/15/10
X	Migratory Birds	<i>Ammon</i> 11/15/10
	Surface Protection	
	Hazardous Materials	
X	Areas of Critical Environmental Concern	<i>Ammon</i> 11/15/10
X	Visual Resources	<i>LEN</i> 11/22/10
	Socio-Economics/Environmental Justice	
	General Botany/Noxious Weeds	
	Energy Policy	

Writer: *LAMA*

Date: 10-18-10

Environmental Coordinator: *[Signature]*

Date: 10/18/2010

Field Manager: *[Signature]*

Date: 11/22/10

CULTURAL RESOURCE COMPLIANCE DOCUMENTATION RECORD

Project No: BLM-AZ-310-11-08 **Project Name:** KFO Kiosk Improvement Survey

EA, Job or Case File No.:

Institution: BLM

Cultural Resource Use Permit No: N/A

Inventory Method: ☒ Existing Data Review ☐ Class II ☒ Class III

Eligibility Recommendation (for sites located):

Not-eligible sites (list site numbers): 0

Eligible sites (list site numbers): 0

Effect Recommendation (only on eligible sites from above):

☒ No Historic Properties Affected ☐ Adverse Effect

☐ No Adverse Effect

Treatment Recommendations: (check and attach full description and map(s) as needed):

☐ Avoidance (by project redesign/cancellation, etc.)

☐ Physical or administrative protection measures

☒ Standard stipulations

☐ Special stipulations

☐ Data recovery (collection, excavation, detailed recording, etc.)

Consultation:

☒ Covered under PA, no further consultation required with SHPO or ACHP

Consultation required: ☐ SHPO ☐ Advisory Council ☐ Native Americans

Comments: Standard Stipulations apply

Proposed undertaking: The Bureau of Land Management Kingman Field Office (BLM KFO) will be making improvements on all kiosks within KFO administered lands including the installation of two new kiosks at Moss Trail and Sleeping Princess Trail.

Project location: Township 24N, Range 21W, Section 1
Township 21N, Range 20W, Sections 8, 19 and 20
Township 21N, Range 19W, Section 30
Township 20N, Range 20W, Section 31

Project location:

(continued) Township 22N, Range 20W, Section 35
Township 21N, Range 15W, Section 19
Township 20N, Range 15W, Sections 12
Township 19N, Range 17W, Section 18
Township 19N, Range 15W, Section 4 and 13
Township 18N, Range 13W, Section 7
Township 17N, Range 16W, Section 4
Township 16N, Range 13W, Section 28
Township 14N, Range 14W, Section 18
Township 14N, Range 11W, Section 33

7.5 Quads: Grasshopper Jet, NW, Union Pass, Pilgrim Wash, Kaiser Spring, Dutch Flat SE, Wabayuma Peak, Hualapai Peak, Dean Peak, Wickieup, Oatman, Kingman SE

Inventory: Systematic, parallel transects were walked to ensure that nothing of cultural significance would be adversely affected by proposed maintenance and installation of kiosks on BLM-KFO administered lands. (2 kiosks being constructed- Sleeping Princess and Moss)

Tribal Consultation: No consultation with local tribes is necessary for the proposed action.

Findings: Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the regulations set forth in 36 CFR 800, BLM has determined that this undertaking would have no effect on historic properties, as defined in 36 CFR 800.16(1)(1).

Standard Stipulations: Any cultural and/or paleontological resource (historic or prehistoric site or object) discovered by the holder, or any person working on his behalf, on public or Federal land shall be immediately reported to the Bureau of Land Management authorized representative. The holder shall suspend all operations in the immediate area of such discovery until written authorization to proceed is issued by the authorized representative to determine appropriate actions to prevent the loss of significant cultural or scientific values.

Attachments: none

Signed (by archaeologist):



Date: 11/01/2010